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Light wine seems to have produced but a light vote total. The question is: Will a heavy vote produce light wine?

Milk is now said to be adulterated less. The fact of the matter is this: The bootleggers are crowding the milkmen away from the pumphandle.

It is reported that an American in Paris has attempted to sell a hotel which he did not own. Possibly he thought his receipted board bill was a bill of sale.

Ambassador Harvey wants the Ten Commandments rewritten. The next best thing to that would be to have them read occasionally.—Washington Post.

The Courier wishes for its large family of readers a happy and prosperous new year. That covers a lot of territory and the wish is made in general both to subscribers and borrowers.

Wonder if the Republicans in reducing the taxes of the big corporations over half a billion of dollars and increasing the taxes of the smaller corporations over 25 percent feel that they have filled a long felt want in this American country.

Before the Courier shall have been again mailed out the New Year will have been ushered in and many of the New Year's resolutions will already have been broken. New Year's day is the time when resolutions for the new year will be put into effect by many—a new leaf will have been turned over. What is your resolution for 1923?

Chariton County is not the only Missouri county where the Grand Jury has been doing things. A jury in the Hannibal Court of Appeals has been in session more than three months, reported 48 true bills in the last batch, making a total of 60 since being impaneled in September, and the jury has not yet completed its work. The bills returned cover a variety of crime, from illicit sale of liquor to perjury in the grand jury room. Verily the world doth move.

It's about time for editors to be digging into their files to find that New York Sun "Santa Claus" editorial.—Connellsville (Pa.) Daily News. That New York Sun editorial referred to above by the Daily News, is the editorial published last week on the first page of the Chariton Courier. It's dollars to German marks the hair-brained geek who penned the above could not answer the question "Is There a Santa Claus" in any kind of old English that would be copied by any second rate county editor in the world—to say nothing of having given to the world a reply that will live forever in nearly every state in the Union. Connellsville (Pa.) Daily News! Who ever heard of that rag? Was it, will it ever be quoted again by any newspaper save the Auxiliary, a paper which occasionally reprints a squib from some obscure paper for the express purpose of showing the world "what fools these mortals be?"

The following shows what co-operation has done for the farmers of St. Louis County and why the farmers should support the organizations. "The co-operative concerns started in St. Louis County by the St. Louis County Farm Bureau three years ago from that time until now have saved the county farmer thousands of dollars. Even before these co-operative organizations were started the farmers' work through the Farm Bureau saved members \$1,700 on coal in one year. In one section of the county the "old line" elevator was selling coal for 38 to 40 cents a bushel when the farmer shipped in coal and sold it for 20 to 25 cents per bushel. Twine was another commodity on which the farmer saved from 4 to 5 cents per pound. Not only on what the organization sold out, making the other dealers conform to these prices also helped and don't forget about the mill feeds. In some instances bran was selling for \$1.25 per hundredweight locally, when the farmer bought bran and sold it for 90 cents per hundredweight. Oh, yes! The other fellow came down on the level with the co-operative prices. And why? Who changed the conditions and who made them sell at a reasonable figure? We will leave this for you to answer, Mr. Farmer."—Farm Bureau News.

The Missouri taxpayers are breathing easier today and have been for several days owing to the fact that the constitutional convention has adjourned said adjournment to be until the 15th day of April, 1923. Now, for the life of us we can't see why they didn't adjourn for all time. Lets see, the new constitution voted on in Illinois within the last fortnight was so badly snowed under that it will never be brought to life again. It cost the State of Illinois several million to prepare a new document for the dear common people to vote on and the d. c. p. made short work of it—more to their credit and good judgment. It is reported that when the Missouri Can Cans get together again they expect to labor for fully three more long months. When the new document is presented to the Missouri voters it will take less than half a day to register enough votes to defeat it and years to pay for the experiment. Of course, the Republicans had to have something to do. Jobs had to be provided for the faithful, Hyde's program had to be carried out and it appears that time is no object, money is no object, and nothing seems to count except that a new constitution just had to be written. O, well, 1924 will put a stop to a lot of this bunc and there is a whole state full of people just naturally looking and longing for the time when they can say it with votes. And who can blame the people. It has already cost the state approximately \$329,000 of the taxpayers' money. C. M. Shartel, the president of the convention, in a "farewell" address to the delegates is reported to have said that the work of the convention apparently is only about two-thirds finished, which means that before a new document embodying the fundamental law of the state is ready to submit to the voters, nearly half a million dollars will have been spent in the convention itself. Mr. Shartel said that when the convention reconvenes some steps must be taken to limit or curb endless and useless debate. Pretty tough, when the president has to call the Can Cans down for useless debate. As a substitute why not let the high schools of Missouri do this talking and useless debate. There are some people who think the pupils of the high schools would do a better job and at far less expense.

PHYSICIANS AND RESPECT FOR LAW

President Harding has found it necessary to call a conference of governors to prevent the defiance of the prohibitory law from causing total disrespect for government in this country. The president has called attention to the futility of hoping for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. The power of repeal lies with the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, and not exclusively with congress. All people, no matter what they think of prohibition should heed the warning of President Harding that continued open violation of the law by respectable and otherwise law abiding citizens can only lead to the undermining of this democracy.

In turning the tide of public sentiment toward law enforcement the medical profession can be of particular aid at this time. Representatives of the American Medical Association are petitioning Secretary Mellon to exempt bottled-in-bond whiskies from the quantitative limitation placed on stocks which druggists may buy. It is inevitable that many people will view this action purely as an attempt to thwart the purpose of the law. But if the medical association would come out squarely for law enforcement, recognize both the delicacy and danger of the prescription privilege and take vigorous means to popularize respect for the law among members of the profession a long step would have been taken to renew respect for law in this country.

A large percent of those who violate the Volstead law do so from a spirit of protest, adventure or imitation. Once the respectable and law abiding, intelligent citizenship of America resolve to support the basic law, its enforcement will depend simply upon the appointment of honest enforcement officers and a fair and rational application of the law.

NEVER DID LIKE INDIANS

An Oklahoma editor tells of an old Indian that came into his office to pay for his paper. The editor took the money, then the Indian wanted a receipt. The editor tried to talk him out of it. Mr. Indian insisted on getting the receipt. After making it out the editor wanted to know why he was so persistent about wanting a receipt. The Indian said: "Me die some time. Go to big gate and St. Peter ask if I been good Indian. I say yes. He say, did you pay all your debts? I say yes. He say, did you pay editor for paper? I say yes. He say where is receipt? I no have it. I have to run all over hell to find you and get receipt."—Cowden (Ill.) Reflector.

DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS GET JOLT IN NEBRASKA

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BEST CORN EAR MISSOURI'S

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The best ear of this year was grown in Missouri, according to five judges at the Inter-con produced in the United States national here today. The judges awarded sweepstakes honors late today in the single ear class to Alva Mann of King City, Mo., in a contest in which eight hundred single ears of corn from all parts of the country were shown. Mann, who is thus made single-ear corn champion of the world, exhibited Reid's yellow dent.

Another Missouri culturist of corn also won signal honors at the International. He was Ora Bennett of Browning, winner of third place in the ten ear class, with Johnson White. The sweepstakes winners in the ten ear class was Peter J. Lux of Shelbyville, Ill., also exhibited the Johnson country white. Lux won the same honor last year.

Sparkle on the Tree



Small horns of paper or tin wound with bright crepe paper and tied with sparkling tinsel, that falls in tassels from them, are among the new Christmas tree ornaments that any one can make.



DOROTHY'S KITTEN

"I didn't really think I'd have a pet," said Dorothy to her mother and daddy. She had just found the small black kitten which Santa Claus had left to her.

"I did want a pet more than anything, as I told Santa Claus, but I was so late in telling him I was afraid he'd surely have his present all, all ready. 'Oh, how good Santa Claus is, and what a darling kitten. At last I have a pet.'"

And Dorothy ran around the room, singing and dancing and shouting: "Now I have a pet; oh, goodie, oh, goodie!"

But then she went over to her kitten and held it closely. "What friends we'll be," she said. Then she noticed some paper dangling from the kitten's ribbon bow.

For, around the kitten's neck, was a big red bow, and attached to the bow was a note. This was what the note said:

"I'm a kitten, Dorothy, as you can see. My name is Merry Christmas. Santa Claus received your note and just a little while after that he saw me. I was without a home and I was being left to starve. He gave me some fine warm milk and kept me nice and warm, and then he put me on the sofa. But I saw a ball of wool behind the sofa, so he said I could stay behind it and play when I wanted to. But he told me to wish you a Merry Christmas."



"She Noticed Some Paper."

mas. He said I could do it in my usual me-owing style. He hopes you'll like me and he says to give me milk for my breakfast and plenty of good things, so I'll grow to be strong. If it hadn't been for you, Santa Claus said he might never have found me, for after he got your note he was looking for kittens everywhere. Merry Christmas from Santa and the Kitten."

"Oh, little Merry Christmas," Dorothy said as she kissed the kitten's soft fur after her father had finished reading the note aloud, "you won't be homeless any more, and I won't be longing for a pet any more, for I have you, my little Merry Christmas!"

"The kitten looks better already for having seen Santa Claus and having been given one of his meals and in being your best Christmas present," said Dorothy's father.

"Yes," agreed Dorothy's mother, "the kitten looks already as though it would be good and strong."

"Me-ow, me-ow," said the kitten, as if it quite agreed, too.

"You love me; you love your little new missy, don't you, kitty?" asked Dorothy.

And the kitten answered: "Me-ow, me-ow, me-ow."

"That means 'Yes, I know,'" said Dorothy.

"I don't believe it will be long before you understand Cat language to perfection," said Dorothy's father.

"I just can't get over my happiness," said Dorothy.

"Me-ow, me-ow, me-ow," said the kitten.

"I'm sure that means 'Yes, too,'" laughed Dorothy.

And after she had fixed a saucer of warm milk for the kitten and had seen the way it had been lapped up she said:

"Now I'm sure that last me-ow meant 'Yes!'"

And that evening, after Dorothy had put her kitten to bed in a nice warm basket, back of the kitchen stove, and had sung the kitten a lullaby, she heard it purring softly.

"It is having sweet dreams, I know," said Dorothy to her mother as she went off to bed.

"And I know I'll have sweet dreams too, after the beautiful Christmas I've had. I don't believe I've ever had such a lovely Christmas, ever, ever, ever!"

"There's no day just like it," said her mother, "and no one quite like dear old Santa Claus!"

"No one quite like him," repeated Dorothy as she closed her eyes to take a journey into Slumberland.

Suppose He Had a Puncture.

Little Tommy was absorbed in a picture of Elijah going to heaven in his chariot. Pointing to the halo over his head, he exclaimed, "Look, Pop, he's carrying a spare tire."

Christmas presents for the neighbors—See the fancy glassware for 25c pie plates, 10c each, and sauce dishes for 60c.

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Marceline, Mo.

BUNDRIDGE CASES ARE DISMISSED

Eighty-nine state cases against Walter and Vern Bundridge, former president and cashier, respectively, of the defunct Farmers & Merchants Bank of Moberly, which closed its doors on May 11, were dismissed in the circuit court, Monday by Prosecuting Attorney Redick O'Bryan.

The cases represent charges of receiving money when the institution was in a failing condition, resulting from grand jury indictments.

Both the former bankers are now serving terms in the state penitentiary in Jefferson City.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Michael were in

Moberly Saturday, returning Sunday. Mrs. Alice Taylor spent the week end at Shannondale visiting at the home of Wm. Beckett.

The O. A. Gwinn family on the Benson place burned out last Thursday. It is reported the insurance policies lapsed only a short time before the fire.

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State of Missouri, County of Chariton.—ss.
In the Circuit Court at Salisbury, February term, 1923.
Charles H. Mason

Plaintiff.

vs.

Bryon Slaght, Edward Moberg and Augusta Moberg, his wife, R. X. DeGraw, J. Mittington, James Clements, Jr., John M. Bennett, Joseph M. Bay, Elijah D. Harvey, Isaac Jones, Jonathan Rountree, Peter T. Abell, Walter Sherman, Jason H. Sherman, John C. Coder, Amos M. Johnson and Melissa H. Johnson, his wife, John W. Strawbridge, D. C. Strawbridge, John W. Walker and Annie H. Walker, his wife, James W. Walker, Belle M. Armstrong and H. N. Armstrong, her husband, and the unknown heirs, consorts, widows, widowers, devisees, donees, alienees and immediate, mesne and remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees of each and all of the following named persons, to-wit: J. Mittington, James Clements, Jr., John M. Bennett, Joseph M. Bay, Elijah D. Harvey, Isaac Jones, Jonathan Rountree, Peter T. Abell, Walter Sherman, Jason H. Sherman, John C. Coder, Amos M. Johnson and Melissa H. Johnson, his wife, John W. Strawbridge, D. C. Strawbridge, John W. Walker, James W. Walker, Belle M. Armstrong,

Defendants.

To all the above named or described defendants except R. X. DeGraw.

Greetings:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the County of Chariton, in the State of Missouri,

affecting the title to the following described lands and tenements, situate in said county and state, to-wit: All that part of the northeast quarter of section three (3) bounded as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said quarter section, thence north along the section line 40 rods and 2 1/2 feet, thence west 134 rods and 2 1/2 feet to the half section line, thence east along the half section line 134 rods and 2 1/2 feet to the place of beginning; also a strip of ground 58 rods wide off the north side of the southeast quarter of said section three (3) all in township fifty-six (56) range twenty (20), containing approximately eighty-seven (87) acres; which said action is returnable to the first day of the next term of said court to be held at the usual place for holding court in the City of Salisbury, in the county and state aforesaid, on the 5th day of February, 1923, when and where you may appear and answer or otherwise defend such action; otherwise plaintiff's petition will be taken out as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Chariton Courier, a newspaper published in said county, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least 15 days before the first day of said February Term, 1923, of said court.

(SEAL) W. G. WRIGHT,

Clerk.

A true copy from the Record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Missouri, this 13 day of December, 1922.

(SEAL) W. G. WRIGHT,

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Missouri.

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